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Lieutenant Command Peter Walker, Deputy Director, Operational Undersea Medicine, NMRC, was selected as Navy Medicine's Aerospace Experimental Psychology Officer of the Year for 2016

SILVER SPRING, Md – Lieutenant Commander Peter Walker was selected as Navy Medicine's Aerospace Experimental Psychology Officer of the Year for 2016 as a testament to his outstanding research expertise, strong organizational skills, and impressive leadership and mentoring ability.

Walker serves as the Deputy Director for Operational Undersea Medicine (OUMD) at the Naval Medical Research Center in Silver Spring, Maryland. As Deputy Director for OUMD, Walker was instrumental in leading a talented and diverse group of 75+ uniformed, GS, and contract employees and was responsible for managing an execution of over \$20 million impacting Navy Medicine research and development.

He has been a leading force in prioritizing the Navy Surgeon General's strategic goals of Readiness, Health, and Partnerships within Navy Medicine Research and Development. Partnering with the Department of Defense, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), academic partners, and private industry, Lieutenant Commander Walker helped to establish a multi-party Collaborative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) on a multi-year \$12 million program to investigate the impact of repeated exposure to low-level blast; paving the way to

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establish occupational standards for blast exposure and ensuring the protection of warfighters operating in dynamic environments.

As an innovator in advanced machine learning and data mining, Walker worked with a team of research scientists to develop several next-generation predictive algorithms to assess long term mental health following blast related concussion in theater. Walker continues to sharpen the “tip of the spear” for Neuro-trauma research by developing novel and innovative approaches to study both Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

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